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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

Claim 7 (added):

The stepping motor of claim 1, wherein each stator pole piece further includes a notched portion having at least two raised teeth, and the arcuate width of each pole piece notched portion is at least the arcuate width of three proximate rotor poles.

Claim 8 (added):

The stepping motor of claim 1, wherein each stator pole piece further includes a notched portion having three raised teeth, and the arcuate width of each pole piece notched portion is at least the arcuate width of five proximate rotor poles.

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